

# *A look at Blyth's squad*

**WYCOMBE'S** cup opponents tomorrow (Saturday) Blyth Spartans, are skippered by the experienced Eddie Alder, who is also the coach. Alder has trained with Charles Hughes' England squad several times but has never won a cap. A fine midfield ball player, Alder is 30 and works as a painter. Here's a look at the rest of the squad.

## **DEFENCE**

**BOB VARVILL** — goalkeeper. Has been with the Spartans for four years. An engineer. Safe handler of the ball and an experienced cup player.

**PETE EWART** — reserve goalkeeper. Unlikely to play against Wycombe. He was once on Newcastle United's books and has made regular first team appearances for Blyth this season owing to an injury to Varvill.

**GORDON ATKINSON** — full back. A vastly experienced player who has been with the

club four years. Works as an engineer. A County player who has a strong shot and often overlaps to join the attack.

**GORDON SMITH** — full back. Firm tackler who also likes to link with the attack. Has been with Blyth seven years and has represented the County.

**RONNIE SCOTT** — centre half. Veteran of the side at 31. Works for the N.C.B. and now in his sixth season with Blyth. Strong, tall player who is good in the air. Joins the attack for corner kicks.

**RON PHILLIPSON** — sweeper. A hard runner who has played for Northumberland. Now in his mid-twenties, he has been five seasons with Blyth. Links well with Scott.

**MIDFIELD-ATTACK**  
**DES JARDINE** — right

winger. Very capable player with good ball control. A County representative. Small, but with plenty of stamina.

**MICK LISTER** — midfield or striker. Bank clerk. Won Amateur Cup winners medal with North Shields when he played against Sutton (including Larry Pritchard) at Wembley.

**BRIAN SLANE** — striker. Old-fashioned type centre-forward. Good in the air and takes a lot of marking. Played for Northumberland many times and is distinctive by his short cropped hair.

**MICK DAGLESS** — striker. Joined Spartans from North Shields two seasons ago. Clever player with the hardest shot in the team. Penalty taker.

**MICHAEL PINK** — left winger. Was on Blyth's books as a junior. Joined this season after studying at Liverpool University. A fast player who has scored several goals this season.

**PETER CUNNINGHAM** — winger. Joined recently from Whitley Bay. The most likely player to be substitute.